# DEATHS SERMON

Vnto the Liuing.

### DELIVERED AT

The Funerals of the Religious Ladie
PHILIFPE, late Wife vnto the
Right Worshipfull St. Anthonia
Roys of Haltonia Cornwall
Knight.

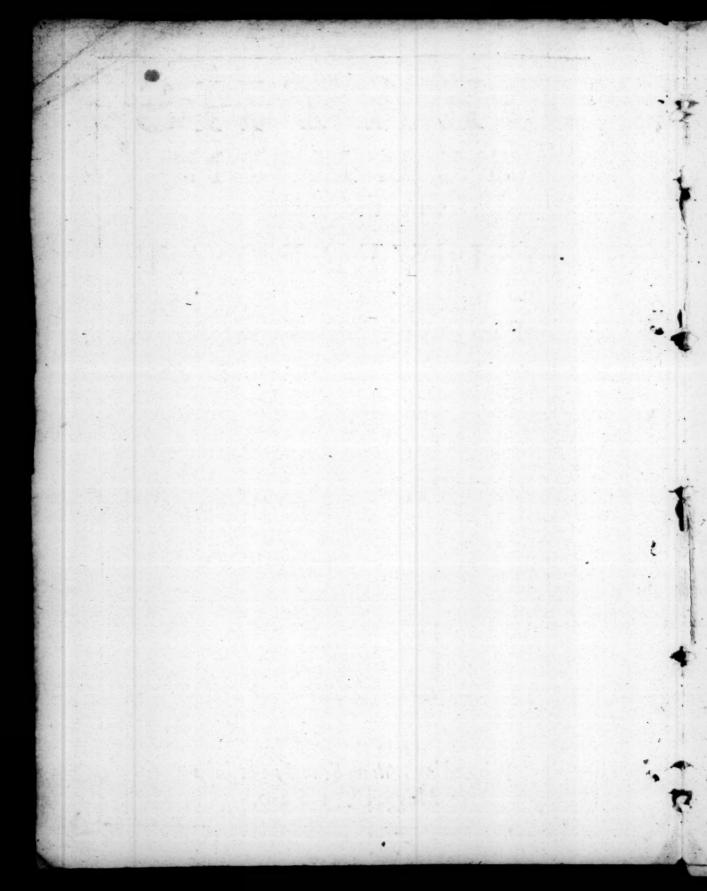
B Y Charles Fitz-Geffry.

Hieronym. ad Heliodor. Epitaph. Nepotian.

Aliud est conari, aliud agere; aliud viuere moriturum, aliud mori victurum; ille moriturus est ex glorià, iste moritur semper ad gleriam. Debemus igitur & nos animo prameditari, quod aliquando suturi sumus, & quod velimus, nolimus, abesse longius non potest.



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# TOMY MOST HONOVRED FRIEND, IOHN PYM

ESQVIRE:

Grace, Mercy and Peace.

SIR,



Present you here with that whereat you could not bee present, your dearest Mothers Funerall. A labour which I could willingly have spared, if God had beene

so plessed. But seeing the great Disposer hath

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#### The Epistle

otherwise decreed, I gladly publish what I forrowfully preached. Neyther will I De that trinial Apologie for this publication, The importunitie of friends. I confesse vine ambition to divulge my observance of that House to which I owe my best endenours, that the World may see that my worthy Patron bath conferred his free fauers on him who is therefore not altogether poworthy, because not unthankfull. What his religious eare received with some comfort, I here offer to your indicious eye; that as you are interessed in the same forrowes, so you may bee partaker of the Same Comforts. Poore, I confesse, are these of mine to those rich ones which the rare Gifts of Nature and Grace affoord to your selfe; yet herein I would baue you symbolize with the Great Ones of this World, \* Who although they possesse whole Cities and Kingdomes, will yet accept an offer of a few Acres.

You may well take up the complaint of the Patheticall Prophet, I am the man that have seene affliction; A great affliction first in being deprined of a most louing, holy, helpfull Wife; whose Learning rare in that sexe, whose

\* Quamuis
possideant vrbes & regna
Tyranni,
Iugera pauca
tamen, si dabis,
accipient. Panphil. Saxus.
Lament. 3.1.

#### Dedicatorie.

whose Vertues rarer in this Age, whose Religion, the rarest ornament of all the rest, could not chase but levell the forrow of lofing ber with the former comfort of enioying her. This Crosse is now seconded with the losse of a deare Mother, and such a Mother as was worthy that Sonne, who was worthy such a Wife. With the Prophets complaint, I doubt not but you also take up his Comfort, It is good for a man that he beare the yoke in his youth. And as Saint Hierome faith that the zealous \*Saluina did by her deare Nebridius, whom shee lost in her youth, so I hope you doe by your deare Saluina and deare Mother, turne the greatnesse of Orbitie into a greater occafion of Pietie, so griening for their absence from you, as reioycing that they are present with Christ.

I have fairely gayned by this Publication, if bereby you take notice of my thankefulnesse to your selfe, the world of my serniceablenesse to my Patron If God shall conferre a farther blessing (as commonly hee doth in all good attempts) that as some received comfort in hearing, so many may bee edified by reading these my weake Endeauours:

Lament.3.27.

\* Orbitatis
magnitudo religionis occafio fuit; Nebridium fuum fic
quærit abfentem vt in
Christopræfentem nouerit. Hieron, ad
Saluin.tom.z.

#### The Epiftle, &c.

this I shall esteeme my happinesse. In this hope, bequeathing the successe to him who is able to doe aboue all that wee can doe or thinke, your selfe to his chiefest blessing, my best affections to your worthy selfe, remayneth

Yours in all Christian lone and duty,

CHARLES FITZ-GEFFRY.



# DEATH'S SER-MON VNTO THE LIVING.

ECCLES. 7.2.

For that is the end of all men, and the lining will lay it to his heart.



O obtrude fitter Titles on the Books of holy Writ then the most holy Authour himselfe hath given them, were intollerable presumption. Yet by way of allusion, as the former Booke of Salomonis called his Proverbs, so

this of Ecclesiastes may be called his Paradoxes. For a Divinitie hath her Paradoxes as well as Philoso-B phie,

a Gatal. True contentment.

phie, ftrange and improbable positions; ftrange in the opinion of the World, but most true in the Indgement of God who is Truth it felfe.

The very Text to this divine Sermon or Booke of the Preacher is a Paradox to the World, namely, that all the Worlds felicitie is meere vanitie, and that true felicitie is that which the World effecmeth vanitie.

Two of Salomons Paradoxes you have in the first Verse of this Chapter, and a third in this second Verse; The first is concerning Reputation; the fecond concerning Death; the third concerning Mirth and Mourning. Concerning Reputation, he preferreth true Credit before Pleafure or Profit, faying, A good name is better then a precious Oyntment, thereby understanding what socuer among men is most desirable. This is a Paradox to the Worldling, who careth not what men doc thinke or fay of him, fo long as he may wallow in his wealth: like that forded Athenian who faid. b The people hiffe at mee abroad, but I applande my felfe at home, when I behold my Bagges in my Cheft. What careth such a one, though his Credit and Conscience both be crackt, so long as his Covne is currant?

Concerning Death, Salomon preferreth it before Birth, and confequently before Life it selfe, faying, The Day of Death is better then the Day of our Birth; telling vs therein, that & the manner of our Death more neerly concerneth us, then the matter of our Birth, because our e Eternitie dependeth on the

b Populus me fibilat, at mili plande Ipfe domi quotics nummos contemplor in arca. Hor. Salyr.1.lib.1. c --- Quid enim faluis infamia MUMBERIA ?

d Gatak. Serm. on Eccles. 7.1. e Ex boc momento pendet etermites.

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moment of our Mortalitie. But this is a ftranger Paradox then the former; for mencare not what becomes of them after this life, fo they may live in iollitic in this life: therefore they celebrate the day of their Birth, but cannot endure to beare of

the day of their Death.

Concerning Mirth and Mourning, Salomon preferreth the later before the former, laying; It is better to goe to the house of mourning, then to the house of feasting. But this to the Epicure is a ftrange Paradox, who reposeth his chiefe felicitie in feathing and in requelling, but cannot endure the found of forrow or any shew of mourning. Therefore this affertion is strengthened by an enident reason, which sheweth why it is better to enter into the house of mourning, &c. Because this is the end of all men, and the lining will lay it to his heart. In places of mirth & iollitie there is no remembrance of Mortalitie, but in houses of mourning wee behold our owne fraile condition, and by the end of others, we learne how to prepare for our owne. So the whole Verse may be ecalled, Death's Sermon vnto the Living; and it confifteth of three parts, whereof the former contayneth the Doctrine:

It is better to goe into the house of mourning then

into the house of feasting.

The second part is the proofe of the Doctrine by areason,

For that is the end of all men. The third sheweth the vse and application, And the living will lay it to his heart. B 2

O more quam amaraelt memoriatua, erc.

I leave the former part to your godly Meditations in private, finding the whole Verse too large to be confined within the limits of one houre. The two latter parts are my Text, whereof, the one preacheth vnto vs our mortall condition, for That (namely Death) is the end of all; the other teacheth vs to take it seriously into our conderation; For the living will lay it to his heart. The one theweth vs what wee must doe of necessitie, come to an end at last by Death, For that is the end of all men; the other what wee ought to doe by dutie, namely, meditate on our end afore-hand: The liuing will lay it to his heart. Shortly, the first sheweth vs that we must end our life, For that is the end of all men; the latter telleth vs how we may amend our life, By laying the same while we are yet living to our heart.

The first part (as you have heard) is a reason of the premised Doctrine, wherein the house of mourning is preferred before the house of mirth; and this reason offereth vnto our due consideration this Doctrine,

There is no life so long, but at last it endeth in Death. For that (saith Salomon) is the end of all men. A Doctrine needing no great proofe, because generally confessed, but not so seriously considered as it should bee; for if it were, wee should find it to be,

1. Venerable for Antiquitie.

- 2. Generall for extent or universalitie.
- 3. Demonstrable for enidence and certaintie.

Death is the end of all men in this World.

This Doctrine

4 Profitable for ve and instruction.

First, this Doctrine, that Death is the end of all men, is venerable for antiquitie; The first Doctrine that was preached to man after his fall; Because thou hast eaten of the fruit forbidden, Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt returne. It was menaced beforethe Fall, that if they did eate they should certainly dyctorit. In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt dye the Death. So ancient therefore as sinne is, so ancient is Death; the Mother and the Daughter, as old the one as the other, begotten and berne both together. For though Adam actually dyed not the same day that he sinned, but lingred out almost a thousand yeares, f yet he began to dye the same day, yea, the same instant that hee finned, because then bee became mortall and subicato Death; yea, then actually the Seriants of Death, Sorrow, Labour, Hunger, seized on him, yea, Deathit selfe entred into his soule, the very instant of his transgression. So the Doctrine of Dying is for Antiquitie very venerable.

Likewise for extent it is very large, beeing generall and vniuersall. Death is the end (not of some, but) of All, and (not of all other inferiour breathing Creatures only, but) of all men. For that is the end of all men, saith Salomon. All that have breath must lose it, all that have life (in this World) must leaue it; whether a vegetative life, as Herbes, Plants, Trees, or a sensitive life, as Beasts, Birds, Fishes; Death is the end of all. But though it be the end of baser Creatures who received life

Venerable for Antiquitie. Gen.3.19.

Gen.1,17.

Gen.5.5.

f D.Willet on Gen.s.2:quest.29

2. Generall for extent.

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for man, and for him are to lose it, yet peraduenture it is not the end of man himselfe, the noblest Creature, the Epitome of Heauen, the chiefe fauorite of the heauenly King, the King of Creatures, and Character of the Creator; yea, even of him also. Death is the end of all, even of Man, the noblest of all.

But though of men, that is, of some fort of men, yet not of all men. Perhaps not of rich men, their Gold may gard them : not of Wisemen, their Wit may ward them; not of Learned men their Knowledge may keepe them; not of Noblemen, their Armes may exempt them; not of the beautifull and amiable, their pure Complexion may preferue them; at least, not of Kings, Emperours, Monarchs; their strong Guard, their Armies Royall, their Crownes, their Diademes may deliner them. No such matter; they are all alike subject to Death. We see that Wisemen dye as well as Fooles, saich Dauid : Rich men dyeas well as poore, Noblemen dye as well as vulgar, firong men dye as well as weake, briefly Kings dye as well as Subjects; For that is the end of all men. Therefore Iob faith, I know that thou wilt bring me to Death, and to the House appointed for All the Lining. Therefore the Widdow of Tekoa faid to Danid the King, beeing bold herein to match her felfe with him, Wee must needs dye, (you as well as I) neyther doth God respect any person; he exempteth none out of this generall censure. The Statute of dying hath no exception; therefore the Apostle saith, Statutum est, It is

Pfal.49.10.

10b 30.23.

2. Sam.14.14.

Heb.9.27.

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decreed, that (not some, but) All shall once dye, and then commeth the ludgement. Therefore David calleth Death, the way of all the Earth. And Ioshua, the way of all the World, yea, God himselfe calleth it, the end of all flesh. Therefore it Kings, or Nobles, or Wisemen, &c. be Men, or flesh, or Earth, die they must, For that is the end of all men. But men may be Kings, Noble, Wife, &c. yet wicked; and then no maruell, though Death doc clayme his due. But what fay you to the godly, to the righteous, to the regenerate, who besides their first Birth, haue a new Birth, arethefe also subiect vnto Death? Doubtleffe Salomon faying, that Death is the end of all men, include thalfo the most godly, for they also are men. Therefore the Prophet Isay faith, that the righteous doth perish, though no man regards it, and the mercifull manis taken away (by Death) though none doe lay it to heart. & Pale Death, who (as the Heathen faith) knocketh with the fame foote at the Pallaces of Princes, as well as at the Cottages of Pealants, doth with the same rough hand scize on the fanctified Christian as well as on the prophane Infidell. And as in the facking of Sodome Cadorlaomer and his Confederates, carryed away rightcous Lot, as well as the reprobate Sodomites, fo in this generall hauock, the most righteous are surprized by Death as well as the most wicked. There is indeed great difference betweene the Death of the godly and of the wicked in regard of the manner of Death, and in regard of the sequell or that which followes after Death; but vpon the

1.King.2.2. 10f.23.14.

Gen.6.13.

E fay 57.1.

g Pallida mors

aquo pulsat pede

pauperum taber
nus Regumg tur
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Harat.od.a.lib.i

---Cadit & Pen
thems instissimus

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Qui fuit in Ten
cris, & servan
tissimus aqui.

Virg. A Eneid . 1.3

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matter the same Death is common to them both, For that is the end of all men.

Wee have knowne some who have lived well, many who have lived long, but none who have liued still; For what man lineth (saith David) and Shall not see Death? No, h not the Sonne of God himselfe, but when he became the Sonne of Dauid, and so the Sonne of Man, became vnder the condition of David and of all Mankind, he dyed;

for that is the end of all men.

As God hath fet the Sea his Bankes, so hath hee fet mans life his bounds, thus far shalt thou goe & no farther, thus long shalt thou live and no longer. The longest day hath his night, the longest way hathbisend, the longest Tragedie bath a Catastrophe, the longest Oration hath his Epilogue or Conclusion, the longest Life ends in Death; For that is the end of all men. Man, is as it were a Booke; his Birth is the Title-page, his Baptisme, the Epifile Dedicatorie; his grones and crying, the Epiftle to the Reader, his Infancie and Child-hood is the Argument or Contents of the whole enfuing Tretife; his life and actions are the Subject; his sinnes and errours are the Faults escaped; his Repentance is the correction. Now there are some large Volumes In Folio, some little ones In Sixteenes; some are fayrer bound, some playner; some in strong Velame, some in thin Paper; some whose Subject is Piety and Godlinesse, some (and too many such) Pamphlets of Wantonnesse and Folly; but in the last Page of euery one, there stands a word, which

Pfal.89.43. h Talis eftiffa vita mortalium, utreciple Dominus aliter ab illa exiret nif per mortent. Auguft.de Ciuit.Dei lib.17.sap.18.

1 -- Totius preludium Inflanflis eui primus est vita lepor. Ileinfius in Syl.

is Finis, and this is the last word in every Booke. Such is the life of man, some longer, some shorter, some stronger, some weaker, some fairer, some courser, some holy, some prophane; but Death comes in like Finis at the last, to close up the whole; For that is the end of all men. Thus you see the Doctrine, is for extent universall.

So it is for evidence and proofe most demonstrable. If Scripture had beene silent herein, Heauen, Earth, Seas, Deepes, Liuing, Dead, would have preached and confirmed this Doctrine vnto vs, that Death is the end of all men. Looke we vp aboue vs, there we see the Sunne over vs daily rising and setting, the Moone monethly waxing and wayning, the Starres now shining and on a sudden shutting. What doth this but tell vs, that we who now sile must set, who now wax must wane, who now shine must shortly shut and fall? For that is the end of all men.

Looke we round about vs. In our Gardens wee fee the Flowers now flourishing, anon withered; in our Orchards, the Trees now greene and white, anon deprived both of blouth and leafe; in our Fields the Corne now growing, shortly ripe for the Sickle; in our Medowes, the Grasse now standing, anon mowed downe with the Sithe. Doth not all this teach vs that wee who now grow and are greene, must wither; who now flourish, must perish; who now stand and live, must bee reaped downe by Death? For that is the end of all men.

Looke we on the Sea that encircleth the Earth,

Demonstrable for euidence. we see it now filling the bankes by flowing, and anonne discovering the channels by obbing. What doth this but teach vs that our life, which is not at a full tyde, must shortly be at a low obbe? wee must be emptied by Death; For that is the end of all men.

Consider we the things that are about vs. The Apparell on our backes, made of the Wooll of Beatls that are dead: The Silke we weare, wrought by Wormes who dyed in the worke; the Gloues on our hands, the Shooes on our feet, the skinnes of Sheepe or Neat, who lost their lives to cover our nakednesse. The Meate on our Tables, the members of Creatures that have dyed to maintayn our lives; we canot live but by the Death of many others. Doth not all this teach vs, that these our bodies which are for a time kept alive by the Death of other Creatures, must at last yeeld to Death, as they have done for vs? For that is the end of all men.

Consider we our bodies themselves, and the severall parts thereof. Our eyes every night dying in sleepe doe show vs, that we at last must sleepe in Death. The haire of our heads, the nailes on our singers, calling so often for polling and paring, tell vs that the whole body must shortly be shaved by Death. Our stomack still disgessing our meat, and craving for more, sheweth vs the insatiable manner of the Grave, that having eaten and disgested our Ancestors, gapeth for vs; and when it hath devoured vs, will hunger also for our Successours.

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k Vita noßra fine multorum mortibus conflare non potest.

The Wormes take possession of vs, almost asfoone as we doe of life, and have bespoken vs euen in our Cradles, for their fellowes that awaite vs in the Earth. Thus have we Death alreadie in vs and on vs. We weare it in our faces by wrinckles, wee beare it in our browes whose furrowes are the Emblems of the Grave: We put it on our backs in our clothes, and are clad in Death from top to toe; we cramme it into our mouthes with our meate, we haue it in our bones, we carrie the hanfell of it in our bowels. Shew me where Death is not? For that is the end of all men.

Passe we from the Liuing to the Dead, they are fo many demonstrations to vs, that we must passe from Life to Death. This very place where wee are now assembled, the occasion of this great Affembly in this place, all that wee doe here, now heare and behold, are so many Demonstrations of this Doctrine. Wee come hither to performe the last office vnto the Dead, we come over the graves of the Dead, wee cannot bring the Dead to her fleeping place, but wee must walke ouer the beds and heads of those that are asseepe; in making the Grave, wee discover the bones of some that have layenalreadie in the same bed. Doth not eueric particular tel vs, that as wee now performe this last function of Charitic to this worthy Ladie, foir wil not bee long ere our friends must meete here or elfe-where, to requite our kindnesse by doing the like for vs? For that is the end of all men.

Shortly, he who first wrote this Text; fundry

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Vbi mors non eft?

that have learnedly written vpon this Text, many that have translated it, I who now preach to you vpon it, you that heare this Text, and all that either have or have not heard of it, either have or shall set forth to the World an actuall Commentary vpon this Text, must passe by Death, For that is the end of all men. Thus you see the Doctrine is for evidence most remonstrable.

Lastly, it will be for vse and instruction no lesse profitable; if wee be carefull to improve it by due application, as the Preacher here teacheth vs, in the last words and parts of my Text.

And the lining will lay it to his heart.

BY the living vnderstand those who yet lead or draw on a dying life, a life Naturall; but chiefly those who in the same doe leade a new life by grace, a life spirituall: These will surely lay it to their heart: that is, they will be carefull to apply it to themselves, that they may learne thereby to guide their life, and to provide for Death. The living who leade a natural life ought to do so, the living who leade a spirituall life will doe so: Thus by another Doctrine wee are taught how to make right vse of the former; for

The Death of others should bee a Document unto us.

It is the dutie of the living to thrive and profit by the example of the Dead or dying, and by the Death of others to learne how to entertayne their owne. Death

Profitable for instruction.

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2. Doctrine.
Others Death
mustreach vs
how to hue.

Death which is esteemed so hatefull, so hurtfull, duly considered is profitable to the dead & to the liuing. How beneficiall it is or may be to the Dead, Salomon hath shewed before, when hee preferred the day of Death before the day of Birth: how profitable it is or ought to bee to the liuing, hee sheweth here in that he saith, The liuing will lay it to his heart.

David prayed God to teach him to number his dayes, that he might apply his heart to Wisdome. When we see the glasse of another (peraduenture younger, stronger then our selves) runne out before vs, how can wee chuse but looke home to the speedie running of our owne? and laying the same unto heart we will apply our heart to wisdome. It is an high point of wisdome to make anothers Death profitable to our life. God doth often cause others to act this part before vs, that we may pra-Aise afore-hand, and learne how to act it well our selucs when it comes about to our turne. It was a conceit of the rich Glutton in Hell, that one comming from the Dead could doe much to draw the liuing to repentance. Surely one comming from the Dead will scarcely prevaile so much with the living, as one that is going to the Dead. The fight and due confideration of one who is Dead or dying, will doe much with the living if they be carefull to lay it to their heart.

Many Sermons preached to the Eare by the liuing, of the breuitie and uncertainty of life, of the meditation of Death, &c. will hardly make so deepe Pfal.,0.13.

Segnius irritant animos demissa per aures, Quam que sunt oculis subiesta--

Panormit.de dict.& fact. Alphonf.lib. 3.6.1.

The right maner of applying the Death of others to our felues.

Discreetly, that is, not to others but to our selucs. deep impression in the living, as one Sermon preached to their eyes by one that is dead or lyes a dying. Wherefore as Alfonsus of Aragon sometimes said of Counsellors, that the Dead were the best Counsellors, (meaning Bookes;) so we may say (in this regard) the Dead are the best Preachers, for what wee preach to your cares, they presse it to your hearts; The living will lay it to his heart.

Now that we may thrive indeed by the Death of others, we must be carefull of the right manner of applying it; which we may (without violence) gather out of the Text it selse. For herein wee are

are taught to apply it,

1. Discreetly and rightly.

Seriousiy and soundly.
 Seasonably and timely.

First we must apply it discreetly and aright. We must not post it ouer vnto others, but lay it home to our selves. The living (saith Salomon) will lay it to his heart, doubtlesse to his owne heart: what he seeth in others, he will apply to himselfe, what he cannot deny in the generall, hee will acknowledge in his owne particular. But who (almost) doth so among vs? We apply it, but not to our selves: we lay it home indeed, but not to our owne heart. As we doe by Gods other judgements, so wee doe by Death: As wee doe by the Sermons of the living, so we doe by the Sermons of the Dead or dying, we capply the chiefest points of them to any other rather then to our selves. Oh let such an one looke to himselfe! heeis no long-lived man: Death is in

his face: I see by his looke he is gone alreadie! As if our eyes were lent vs to see for all others, and to be blind for our selues. Miserable Man! that canst see Death in anothers mans brow, and canst not feele it in thine owne bowels! Another brags of his life, and saith, I hope to see such a one buried, and greene grasse growing over his head: never considering how soone the cold clay may become a night-cap for his owne.

Two Phrases or Prouerbs I have observed in common speech, which doe palpably discouer our errour herein. When we affirme any thing to bee very certaine, we vie to fay, As fure as Death : Againe, speaking of our selves, and a matter that wee little dreamt of, we vieto fay, I thought no more on it, then on the houre of my Death. Can there be any thing more apparent to fhew that wee can fee and beleeve Death in any faue in our selues? Wee can declayme of Mortalitie, and of Deaths certaintie and lives vncertaintie in generall; but when wee come to our own particular we promise our selues an immortalitie in Nature, and cannot for our lines frame this conclusion to our selves out of the premiles, though it be never so easie and plaine. All men are mortall, I am a man, therefore I am mortall: All must dye, therfore I must dye shortly, I may dye suddenly, this may bee my last thought, my last word, my last act; for he who must dye at one time may dye at any time. This is to profit by the death of others, to lay it home to our selues,& not post it ouer vnto others; and what we acknowledge

Serioufly.

-Maiore domus gemitu, maiore tumultu Planguntur wummi quam funera--&c. Iuuenal.

1 Inter populum frequente strage morientem, nemo considerat se esse mortalem. Cyprian ad De-smetrian. ledge in generall, to expect and prepare for, in our owne particular. For the lining must lay it to his heart, to his owne heart.

Secondly, we must apply it seriously and soundly. So much is intimated in that it is faid, The living will lay it to his heart. Wee must not lay it to our Eyes to gaze on it, nor to our Eares to heare of it, nor to our Tongues to talke and discourse of it only, but we must apply it to our Hearts, ruminate it in our mindes, riuet it in our remembrances, ponder vpon it in our daily Meditations. And what must we lay to our hearts. What? The forrow for our deceased friend, or rather for the Money, or meanes, or profit that wee have loft by his deceasse? Indeed, The living doe vie to lay this to their heart, the losse of some living or live-lood which they enjoyed by the life of their friends: But that is not it which they must lay to their heart, but the confideration of Death, the vanitie and vncertaintie of life, and the meditation of their owne mortalitie. But doth the tenth man fo among vs? Some apply it indeed, but not to themselves. Some lay it to themselves, but not to their hearts. The Iuft or Righteous doth periff (faith the Prophet) and no man layeth it to heart. Iuft and vniuf, rightcous and reprobate, neighbour and franger, elder and younger dye before vs, in our presence, but where is hee that layeth it to his heart? 1 We are indeed for the present somewhat affected with the Death of our friends, but immediately wee forget it, wee returne to our wounted courses,

wee lay it to our Eyes, wee doe not lay it to our bearts.

Wee come indeed to the house of mourning, and there wee fee the Husband mourning for the Wife, or the Wife for the Husband; the Parents for their Child, or the Children for their Parents; the Brothers for their Sifters, or the Sifters for their Brother; peraduenture we beare a part with them in their mourning, and impart vnto them fuch poore comforts as wee are able, telling them that weeping is in vaine, there is no remedie, and fuch like Countrey-comforts. We attend the dead vnto the Temple, peraduenture in clothes of mourning, there wee fee nothing but fignes of mourning: and heare a Sermon of mourning, but assoone as the Funerall is ended, wee returne vnto the house of mourning, and turne it into a house of feafting (so confounding the places distinguished by Salomon) and this hinders the living from laying it to his heart.

Wee wayt sometimes about the Bed of our dying friend: there wee see a spectacle that a man
would think should never out of our inward eies;
hearegrones, whose Eccho should never out of our
cares: wee close vp the eyes, wee cover the face of
the dead: some prepare the bodie for the shroud,
others the shroud for the bodie: some gather
Flowers, some ring the Knell, some digge the
Graue, and talke of life even in the doore of Death;
For who layeth these things to his heart? Here is
laying of them to the Eyes, to the Eares, to the

Hands,

Hands, &c. but where is the laying of them to the Heart? Doethey who close the eyes, and couer the face of the Dead, consider that their eyes must be so closed, their faces thus covered? Or they who shroud the Coarse, remember that they themselves shortly must be so shrouded? Or they who ring the Knell, consider that shortly the Bels must goe to the same tune for them? Or they that make the Graue, euen while they are in it, remember that shortly they must inhabit such a narrow house as now they are building? Peraduenture they doe a little, but it makes no deepe impression in them. These things affect vs for the most part no otherwise then the Stocke did the Frogs (in the Fable) which Iupiter cast downe among them for a King. The first fall thereof, and the dashing of the water with the fall affrighted them, and made them runne into their holes; but seeing no farther harme to ensue, they came forth, tooke courage, leapt onit, and made themselves sport with that which first was their feare. Till at length Iupiter fent a Storck among them, and he devoured them. Thus we make the Death of others but a Stocke that somewhat at first affecteth vs; but wee soone forget it, vntill the Storck come, and we our selues become a prey to Death: All this is because wee doe not apply it seriously, we doe not lay it to our heart.

Seasonably.

Thirdly, this must bee done timely and in due season. The living (saith Salomon) will lay it to his heart, the living, not the dying; not the sick, weak,

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Death while wee have yet some faire probabilitie to live: this is best done, while wee are young and strong: They who are decrepit for age, who grone vnder the heavie burthen of sourescore yeares and above, in whom olde age it selfe is perished (as lob speaketh) whose moysture is dryed vp, Who (with Barzillai) are unsit for the Court, because they cannot taste their meate, nor heare the sound of melodie; who take no pleasure in the pleasures of life, whose breath doth them now no service but to sigh, cal you me such living? Rather (as Bias said of Mariners) they are to be numbred neither among the living nor among the dead, yea, rather among the Dead then among the Living.

Wherefore Salomon, who in one place of this Sermon bids thee, Remember thy Creatour in the dayes of thy youth, In this place biddeth thee remember thy dissolution (Death) in the dayes of thy life. It is for the living, rather then for the dying to lay these things to their heart. For when sicknesse, weaknesse, Death commeth, they will lay other things to thy heart: The love of life, the dread of Death, the Conscience of sinne, the paine of sicknesse, the want of sleepe, the ach of bones, the departure from friends, the care of Wise and Children, these will so surprize and possesse thee, that thou shalt have little leasure or pleasure to lay better thoughts to thy heart.

Wherefore you that are wife, lay not the greatest burthen on the weakest beast, adjourne not the

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Iob 30.2. 2. Sam. 19.35.

Eccles.12.1.

Deliberandum eß din, &c. longest iourney till the shortest day; take not the last and worst houre for the first and hardest taske. A whole life, (were it as long as Methuselahs) is shortenough to provide for Death. We had need be long a doing that, which if it bee not once well done, wee are for ever veterly vndone. I have known a weeks provision for one Feast, a moneths preparation for a Wedding, three moneths deliberation, about the driving of a bargaine; This is the best or worst bargaine that ever thou shalt make, the best or worst Guest that ever thou shalt entertayne; thy dying day will be thy wedding day, and match thee to eternall selicitie or to endlesse miserie; and wilt thou make no preparation, no provision for this afore-hand?

Confider what others doe, and what thy felfe vicit to doe in matters of farre leffe moment and consequent. A Judgeat the Affise, a Justice at the Selfions, will not give the charge without some fludy. A Scholer cons his Lesson before hee repeates it, corrects his Theame before he sheweth it. Nay a Player will not aducature on the Stage vntill hee have his part perfect, left hee be hiffed off. What thinkest thou of dying? Is it a Lesson so soone learned that a man may well come off with it at first fight? Strange! we take time to make prouision for the buriall of the Dead, but take no care to provide for Death it selfe. These Blacks were not bought and made, that Coffin was not framed. yonder little Grave was not fitted on a sidden. Nothing about Death or about the buriall of the

Dead

Dead, but requires some space, some preparation, some prouision, and doth Death it selfe require none? O miserable men, will you neuer thinke on Death, untill Death comes and takes away your thinking? For then all your thoughts doe perish, faith the Pfalmist. Thinke vpon it, I beseech you, in season. The hardest Lesson to be learned, the worst thing to be ignorat of, is how to die. o what a miserable thing is it (faith one) not to know how to dye! To be fo payned, (faith another) that hee cannot line, and yet so unprepared, that he dares not dye! to have a whole lifes work to do, when he hath not one houres space to line! The neglect of looking to this while we live, is the cause why Death comes on so many as a snare : as (among many) it did on that wicked Cafar Borgia, (the wicked sonne of a worse \* father) who meeting Death in that cup of Poylon which hee prepared for others, cried out that hee had armed himselfe against all casualties faue against Death, for of that he never dreamt or thought.

O that men were wise! then they would consider this: and remember their latter end, and this they would doe discreetly, applying it not to others, but to themselves; they would doe it seriously, applying it not to their outward senses only but to their hearts; they would doe it timely, even while they are yet living, yet enioying health and strength, For the living will lay

it to his heart.

Now this Doctrine of Death, thus layd to our hearts,

O quam miferum est nescire mori ! Senes. ! ragued. Harrice Ser. Samuels Funerall.

\* Pope Alexander the fixth.

Macchiauel.

Adversus emnia pericula me muniui praterquam adversus mortem, & c.

VSes.

I. Confolation.

m Etiam bos
quo pacto futurü
est, vt eius nobis
amara mors
non sit cuius
dulcis est vita?
De Ciuit.Dei,
lib.19.cap.8.
1. Thes.4.13.

n Adversum
morti duritiam,
& crudol simā
necessitatem, boc
solatio erigimur,
quòd breai visurisumus eos quos
dolemus absentes. Hieron.ad
Theodor. tom. 1.

Contrition.

hearts, will bee profitable vnto vs for many viess and first for

Consolation, in the heavie case of the departure of our deare friends. To mourne for the Dead is not vnlawfull, yea, the house is therefore called the house of mourning. m How can it be (faith bleffed Augustine) that his Death should not bee bitter to vs, whose Life was sweet vnto vs? But Christians must learne to moderate their mourning, and take heed (as the Apostle counselleth) that they mourn not as others that have no hope. For why doe I fo much mourne for them? Is it because they are gone? " But why then doe I not restrayne my mourning, feeing, I know that I shall shortly follow and ouertake them? It is true, they shall not come againe to vs, but it is certaine that wee shall goe (God knowes how soone) vnto them. Why should wee so much lament that which is not lost but left ? Lament wee may, because it is left, too much we need not, because it is not lost. No truehearted brother is heartily grieued that his brother is fent for to the Court to be preferred by the King. Some few teares may fall as a farewellat parting, but they are soone dryed vp as with this consideration, that the King will likewise (shortly) fend for the other and preferre him.

Secondly, it will bee profitable for Contrition. The house of mourning will shew the hauck of sinne, and seeing the grieuous effect we will learne to hate and detest the abominable cause. Who so walkes through the field, & sees the poore Lambs

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worryed by the Mungrell, how can bee chuse but hate the Curre that kill'd them? Whofo enters into a faire Garden, and sees the knots and plots fouly defaced, how doth hee blame the Bore that spoyled them? Whoso comes into his Neighbours house, and sees the good-man murthered in his hal, and all his goods gone, how doth hee abhorre the Thiefe that robd and flew him? So feeing fuch mifery, such mortalitie brought on Man (the fayrest Creature of God vnder Heauen ) and that by finne, bow can wee chuse but abborre sinne, the caule of fuch confusion? Hast thou knowne a man or a woman faire and comely in complexion, amiable in countenance, affable in language, accomplished with all endowments, and anon seeft him or her dead, that louely Lambe choked, that rich house robbed, that faire Garden defaced; how canft thou chuse but hate fin that Monster which hath done all this mischiese? O sinne, sinne! most hatcfull, most hurtfull fin! which turnest strength into weaknesse, beautie into ashes, a breathing maninto a liveleffe carcafe, and turneft him (worle then Nabuchadnezzar was turned) from Men to Wormes, from lightfome Houses to the hole of Darknesse! This is sinnes doing, how can it chuse but be odious in our eyes?

Thirdly, it wil be profitable for Humilitie. What Sermon can more powerfully tread downe the pride of flesh, then a Sermo visibly preached on this Text, Dust thou art, and to dust thou must returne? Whereof who can chuse but make that vse which

Humilitie.

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### Death's Sermon

the Wiseman doth, Why is dust and ashes proud? I would haue our Masculine Females, our Hermophradites (in their habit,) those dawbers of faces, and defacers of Gods Image, I would have them brought into the house of mourning (which is as badde to them as the house of Bedlam) and there chained awhile to the bed of one that lyes a dying. Let them behold that bodie late so lovely, so beautifull, so adorned, so perfumed, that it selfe perfumed the Ayre where it walked, now so vnpleasant that the dearest friends cannot endure to Eccles ad locum. behold it, the face couered with a Napkin, (as if a ragge of linnen) were now more pleasing to the cyc,) as much haste as may bee made to conveyit out of fight, or as much care and skill as may bee vsed to lap it in seare-cloth, that the smel therof be not offenfive to the house: if any thing, surely this would humble them, and teach them to bestow lesse time, cost and care, in painting, decking, yellowing that bodie which must anon be stripped of all by Death; and make more provision, better preparation against Death that hastens to strip them.

Lastly, it will be profitable to teach vs Sanctification, and that which is the infallible figne (or part thercof) Mortification. It will be as Wormewood on the dugge of the World, to weane vs from the defire and love thereof, which so passeth away: it will bee a Sword to flay the love of this life which is so vncertaine: it will bee a Tutor to teach vs the art of dying, which is so hardly lerned. In our mirth it wil be a Curbe to vs that we plunge

Mortification. --- Nulla dulcedine vite Tangitur, infla-

Cartwright in

biles quifqui bene cogitat annos. Petrarch. Facile omnia contemnit qui fe cogitat moriturum. Hieron.

not out into immodeftie. In our feafting it will be as a Dead mans Scull served in (among some of the Ancients) to minde vs of our Mortalitie. Enerv. morning it will be to vs as King Philips Page, bidding vs good morrow with a Memento te effe mortalem. In all our actions it will be as Dionyfius his Sword ouer the head of Damocles, bidding vs to stand in awe and sinne not. Briefly, this will plucke out the sting of Death before it come, and make thee that thou shalt not bee afraid to meete thine enemie in the gate, having thy Quiver full of Arrowes of Comfort: and ascurrent Money readie about thee, that when thy Creditour whom thou canft not foun shall serve thee with an Execution thou mailt have wher with to free & discharge thy selfe. Thus and thus profitable will this Do-Arine, that Death is the end of all men, be vnto vs, if while we are yet lining wee be carefull to lay it to our heart.

Ego quod debeo fo'nere paratus fum, videat fenerator vbi me appellet. Senec.

I come now to the sad occasion of our comming hither this day, which telleth vs whereunto we must all come one day. To give the Dead their due prayse is both for the glory of God, and for the benefit of the living. God is thereby glorified, for hee who prayseth the Saints of God, prayseth God in his Saints, because their prayse is his. What-some we admire in them, we acknowledge to proceed from him, who is their Ventue while they line, and their Lifewhen they are dead. The living likewise are hereby profited; for hearing others praysed for their goodnesse, they are incited to be good that

- Quia quicquid in hoc miramur ab illo est, Vndè pys virtus, & per quem vita sepultis. Paulinus de B.Falic. Natal.6.

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Non quodille pramia terrena desiderat .-- sed quod ornamen. tis benorum in . citatur amulatio, & virtus amula alitur exemplo benoris alieni. Symmach. lib. 10. Ep.25. Nibil in illa landabo nifi quod proprium eft. Hieron. ad principium Epitapb. Marcel.S.I

they may attayne vnto the like prayse. Something therefore I intend to speake of this worthy Ladie, not because the needeth our earthly commendation, but because the ornaments of the Godly are no small incitements vnto Godlinesse.

Exspect not that I should speake of her Ancestors, and make that the beginning of her prayse, which is rather the prayse of others. As Saint Hieromesaid of Marcella, so I of her (who deserved a Hierome to commend her) I will prayse nothing in her but only that which (by the gift of God) was proper and peculiar unto her. Consider wee her as a Woman, as a Wife and Matrone, and as a Christian, wee shall finde in her a patterne for those of her sex and sort, worthy imitation.

Beeing a Woman shee was the weaker part of man, who yet is weaknesse it selfe. No maruel then if she had her infirmities: For Lord, what is man? said Dauid. O then what is woman! Had shee beene free from sinne, shee had freed vs from this labour, for then shee had beene free from Death, the reward of sinne. Yet thus much we may safely say of her, she kept her selfe (or rather God by his Grace kept her) from those sinnes that sollow that sexe in that estate, especially in those corrupt times; shee kept her selfe vnspotted from the World, and the spots that appeared to God and her Conscience she was carefull to wipe away by daily Prayer and Repentance.

Herparticular calling, as a Wife and a Matrone, the fo well discharged as that the hath left a prefi-

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dent vnto Wines, especially of her estate. A comfortable helper to her louing Husband; and no small support of so great an House for more then thirtie yeares continuance. An especial ornament vnto Hospitalitie (the long-continued prayse of that House,) her courteous and affable entertainment being able to turne euen ordinarie fare into extraordinary cheere. No way an impediment to her Husband in the course of his civill calling; but having bin so long the Wife of a Iustice of Peace, let envie it selfe accuse her (if it can) whether ever the went about to hinder him in the course of Iuflice, or did euerneglect (according to her place) to helpe and encourage him in making of Peace; A bleffed worke and that which baptizeth a man with the bleffed Name of the Childe of God; in which worke it is well knowne that he bath beene alway most industrious, and that with very comfortable successe. An indulgent Mother vnto her owne Children; a cheerfull respecter of those whom Law and Loue had made her owne Children; by her kind deportment remooning that old odious \* Epithete of a Stepmother, and being rather a Steed-Mother vnto them. No Lyonnesse in her House nor Tyrant among her Servants, but as carefull to bee comfortable to them when they were visited with sicknesse, as expecting that they should bee serviceable to her, when they were in health. Friendly, affable, courteous towards her Neighbours, obseruing truly the Apostles precept for Humilitie, Equalling her selfe to those of lower

Mat.5.9.

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Rom.13.16.

cftate,

estate, whereby she gained their Loue, and yet lost nothing of her Reputation: they honouring her more for her Mecknesse, then others for their Greatnesse; How could they chuse? when as they faw that the fo converfed with them, as if the had beene one of them; more considering that they were women, and therein Equall with her, then that her felfe was a Ladie, and therein aboue them. Glad when the had oportunitie to doe good vnto any: making her Closet as an Apothecaries shop, for the poore Neighbours in time of their ficknes, affording what shee had to supply their want, with more alacritic then they craued it. God having bleffed her with good skill to cure or to eafe fore eyes, the was not daintie to afford her helpe to the poorest, farre or neere when they came to fecke it. Briefly I may fay of her as 10b professed of himselfe, Shee was eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, and (as hee a Father fo Shee) a Mother to the poore.

106 29,15,16.

Boldly I may speake of her Religion and Christian conversation, because truly. That which I have said alreadic may suffice to shew that she was Peaceable, Humble, and Charitable; three most infallible Evidences of a true Christian and sanctified heart; especially beeing accompanyed with a fourth, namely her devotio towards God, and that not only in the publike place of Gods Service (web shee carefully frequented) but in private betweene God and her owne heart. Two houres (at the least of every day she sequented both from friends and imployments (how great soever or how many they

they were) vnto private Praier. How often hath the with teares complayned to my felte (and to other, Ministers, of her spirituall wants, of her dulne in hearing, torgetfulnesse of what she heard, indispofition to Prayer and boly duties? Thefe her teares, I doubt not, but God treasured vp in his Bottle: fure I am, they have beene many times my comfort; for they affured mee that thee had in some good measure those Graces for whose want shee wept, feeing it is Grace that makes vs complaine of the want of Grace. But the endis the Crowne of the whole work; and the last Act (if any) carrieth away the Applause. If the end be well, then all is well, true but this is most certaine, that life shal end well, that is well ledde. The men of this World make their life like an Epigram, which if it be clofed up with a good frain at lat, paffeth for currant, how loofe focuer all the Verfes were that went before. But God seeth not as man seeth; Hee looketh not so much to the last period, as to the whole course of our life.

Her sicknesse was short and sharpe; whether she knew it should be her last, till almost the last, that hee knowes who sent it, and for her by it. More then once I asked her, whether she dreaded Death, her answere alway was, that if Gods will so were, she desired it rather. One thing is well knowne to those who did attend her, that shee was very carefull to furnish her selse with that Armour of a Christian, continuall Prayer. Euen when Death shooke her by the hand, yet by often (though sec-

Plus sensimus qued habuimus, postquam habere desiuimus. Hieron. ad Pammach. Tõ.1.

Heb.11.4.

ble) lifting vp her hads she shewed the lifting vp of her hart vnto the Lord. On the Lords day (the day of Rest) she sickned, on the Day of Rest she departed: I doubt not to pronounce her blessed, she resteth from her labours, her good Workes follow her, and shee keepeth continuals Sabbath in Heauen, bidding vs who are living to lay these things to our heart. Farewell, deare Lady, with griefe we dismisse thee to thy place of ioy; here wee shall never see thee more, our desire is that wee may salute thee there. In the meane time God grant we have not cause to say of thee as Saint Ierome once did of a godly Ladie, Wee then most perceived what we enioyed when we ceassed to enioy it.

Let me now conclude with you (bleffed and beloued) with whom I began: What came you hither to fee? a Funerall. What came you hither to heare? a Sermon. You have heard a Funerall Sermon, and you may see a Sermon in the Funcrall. As the Apostle saith of Abel, Hee being dead yet speaketh, so may I of this religious Ladic, Shee being dead yet preacheth vnto vs a sensible Sermon, on the first part of my Text, That Death is the end of all men. Shee who not long fithence came cheerfully vnto this place on the Lords Day, (as her godly manner was) hath caused vs mournfully to repayre hither on this Day; thee who vied to come in her Coach, is now carryed in a Coffin; the who vied to heare attentively and to look fledfastly on the Preacher, is here now (so much of her as remayneth) but can neither see nor heare the

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Preacher, but in silence preacheth to the Preacher himselfe, and to every hearer and beholder, that this is the end of all men. And by her owne example (which is the life of Preaching) she confirmeth the Doctrine, that neither Armes, nor Scutcheons, nor greatnesse of state, nor godlinesse of life, nor gifts of minde, nor sobrietic of Dyet, nor art of Phisick, nor Husbands care or cost, nor diligence of Attendants, nor Childrens teares, nor sighes of Servants, nor Prayers of the Church, can exempt vs from that common condition; for if they could, we had not seene this great and sad affembly here this day.

What remayneth now but that as she hath preached vnto vs on the former part of my Text, that this is the end of all men, so were now beginne to preach to our felues on the later part, by laying this to our heart while we are yet lining. As Philitians doe vie to make Mummy of the Dead which ferueth as a Medicine for the living; fo let vs make a spiritual Mummy of others Mortalitie, by turning their Death into a Medicine for our life. Maximilian the first Emperour of that name, commanded that when he was dead his body should bee layd forth a while, to the open view of all men , enen of the meanest person that would behold him; yeelding this reason, That so (said he) all men may learne by mine example, that no Diademes, no Riches, no Empires, can deliuer from Death the possesfors of them.

Francis Borgia, a great Gallant in the Spanish Court.

Vt wel meo exemplo discantomnes, nulla diademata, opes nullas, nec vila imperia à morte eripere possidentem. Laurent.
Beyerlink Apophib. Christianor, tit. Mors.

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Augusta mors mibs vitam attulit. Id ibid. Court, hauing beene chiefe Mourner at the Funerall of the Empresse, and there considering how small a Grave did swallow vp Greatnesse, Riches, Beautic, Maiestie and all, said thus at his returne, The Death of the Empresse hath brought me life, resoluing afterward not to trust vnto any Greatnes in the World. God grant that this godly Ladies Death may be a meanes to bring vs all vnto 'ife, by thewing vs the frailtie of this life, the vanitie of the things of this life, the ineuitable necessitie of Death, that beeing prepared for the first Death which is ineuitable, wee may be exempted from the second Death which is intolerable; and that af ter this fraile and short life which is ever walling, we may attayne vnto that life which is cuerlafting, through the Mercies of God, and the Merits of him who is the Way, the Truth and the

Life, To whom be Prayle, Glory, and Honour, now and for ever.

- Amen.

FINIS.